# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2715
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INCREASE IN PRICES OF LPG & KEROSENE
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the some State Governments including Andhra Pradesh have urged not to increase the prices of LPG and Kerosene;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the regains for increasing the prices of these products;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to decrease the prices to LPG and Kerosene as the subsidy reduction on these products is causing serious hardship to consumers particularly those belonging to the poorer sections of the society;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the stand of the Union Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): The consumer prices of PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG were last increased effective 1st March 2002. Andhra Pradesh Government had requested sometime back for not increasing the prices of Kerosene and LPG to reduce the hardshipto the consumers.

As per the Government decision, effective 1st April 2002, the subsidy on PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG is to be on specified flat rate basis and the retail prices of these products will then vary as per the changes in the international oil prices. Taking into account the current international oil prices, there is no case for reducing the prices of these products.